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1. The bauxite establishment at Almásfüzitő recently built some twenty apartment houses for its personnel, but not a single apartment has yet been assigned to any of the Hungarian employees. The Hungarian workmen have to live in mud huts built by themselves and in the storerooms of the former Vacuum Oil Co. plant which is only a few hundred yards distant from the bauxite plant. Mr. Kővári is the only Hungarian presently permitted to live on the premises of the apartment house complex. Mr. Kővári has been working for the Soviet-Bauxite industry since 1946, his present position being chief electro-technician in charge of production at the Almásfüzitő plant. He is the only Hungarian expert there. The director in charge is a former Soviet Army officer who lost one of his legs during the war. His underlings at Almásfüzitő refer to him as "Falábu", the one with the wooden leg. "Falábu" is surrounded by scores of Russian officials and some Russian foremen who have important posts in the plant organization. The Russians live in three to four room apartments, while Mr. Kővári was assigned only one room. For this room the Russian management charges him 80 forints per month rent, plus 40 forints per month for the use of the furniture, plus 15 forints for laundering the bedding. Mr. Kővári asked to be permitted to use his own furniture, but was refused. The room is so small that two people cannot live in it, so Mrs. Kővári is forced to live in Budapest.

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2. The Russians at Almásfüzitő live in comparative luxury. They have their own automobiles, draw excellent food rations from the Soviet Army Commisary at Budapest, and have an abundance of liquor. At times they are drunk for three successive days. The Hungarian workers regard them as slave drivers and are disgusted with both their masters and their working conditions.

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3. In the middle of June, the women workers of the plant sent a delegation to "Falábu" asking for better pay and better working conditions. They specifically requested relief from unloading the freight cars of which they had an average of 20 a day to unload. To unload so many freight cars only with shovels, they complained, was too heavy work for women. However, "Falábu" dismissed them with the admonition that their pay is good and that since his wife can do such unloading work in Russia, Hungarian women should be able to do the same.

4. The Russians pay Hungarians less than the Hungarians would receive now for similar work elsewhere. But at Almásfüzitő, the Hungarian workers have a compensating advantage. They do not have to attend seminars[1] and parades.

5. Production figures in the bauxite plant for the month of May dropped to 85% from the 100% of pure aluminum obtainable from about 20 cars of alumina. This was caused by the poor quality alumina which the plant received and which from time to time clogged up the machines. "Falábu" ordered Mr. Kóvári, the Hungarian expert, to raise the production back to 100% or else. Kóvári answered that the machinery installed was for good quality alumina and nothing could be done to raise production until better quality raw materials were supplied.[2]

25X1 [redacted] Comment: "Seminars" probably refer to political discussions.

Comment: From this paragraph it is apparent that the plant works alumina into aluminum and that the designation "Bauxite Plant" is a misnomer.

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